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EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT PATRICK HANRAHAN (1),
RIGOBERTO ESCOBEDO GONZALEZ
(2), FELIPE FELICIANO RAMIREZ (3)
TRAVIS MICHAEL MCGUIRE (4), JOSE
ALFREDO CHAVEZ ARREDONDO (5),
MARCO ANTHONY GOMEZ, JR. (6),
THOMAS LEE WEATHERWAX (8),
FABIAN ARREDONDO (9), PABLO
ANGEL CASTELLON (10), JACENIR
AMERZUCA DASILVA (11), JOSE
ALFREDO RICARDO ARREDONDO (12),
JESUS ANTONIO MIRELEZ (13),
ADREAN KENDALL LAFOLLETTE (14),
LOGAN PAUL SCHECK (15), BRIAN LEE
SELLERS (16), MISAEL VAZQUEZ-
MORENO (18), JAZMINE RENEA HART
(19), MARIA ESPERANZA HERMOSO

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**ORDER GRANTING
MOTION FOR
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

1 (20), MAYDA IVETTE CASTELLON (21),
2 YESIKA ESCOBEDO ZARAGOZA (22),
3 JOANNA ARREDONDO (23), ALEXA
4 JOANN CARRAS-BLACKBURN (24),
5 FERNANDO VILLEGAS (25),
6 Defendants.
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8 Before the Court is the United States Motion for Protective Order, ECF No.
9 346. The United States is represented by Caitlin Baunsgard and Brian Donovan.

10 The United States asks the Court to issue a protective order. It explains that
11 the above-captioned case involved a long-term multi-jurisdictional investigation,
12 which included many sealed applications, warrants, orders and reports based, in
13 full or in part, on the results of the sealed orders and warrants, as well as a large
14 volume of sensitive documents obtained via Grand Jury subpoena. Many of the
15 documents contain personal identifying information such that it would be
16 impractical for the United States to redact the records in a timely fashion.
17 Additionally, the discovery contains references to multiple confidential informants
18 and cooperating defendants who have provided information in this case. The
19 United States asserts certain defendants have attempted to kill who they believed to
20 be a confidential informant.

21 The United States knows that such sealed and sensitive documents need to
22 be produced in discovery. As officers of the court, it believes defense counsel
23 appointed to represent the Defendants are aware of the potential ramifications of
24 disclosing sealed or otherwise sensitive information to third parties. While it is
25 presumed defense counsel would advise their respective clients as to the law
26 governing sealed documents, it cannot be presumed that the individual defendants
27 will maintain the same level of diligence that an officer of the court would with
28 protecting the disclosure of such sealed or sensitive information.

1 The United States asks the Court to issue its proposed Protective Order that
2 governs the dissemination of all discovery. It indicates it has been approved in
3 other cases.

4 Because discovery has not yet begun, the Court will grant the motion on an
5 expedited basis, subject to reconsideration if defense counsel later believes it is
6 inappropriate to enter such order.

7 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

8 1. The United States Motion for Protective Order, ECF No. 346, is
9 **GRANTED.**

10 2. The Court enters the following Protective Order:

- 11 a. The United States will provide discovery materials on an on-going
12 basis to defense counsel;
- 13 b. Discovery materials that contain the voice or image of a confidential
14 source¹ will be made available for defense counsels' review at the
15 United States Attorney's Office. Until further Order of the Court,
16 those materials may not be shown to the Defendants or left in a
17 Defendants' custody;
- 18 c. Defense counsel may possess, but not copy (excluding the production
19 of necessary working copies), all discovery materials;
- 20 d. Defense counsel may show to, and discuss with the Defendants, all
21 discovery materials that do not contain the voice or image of a
22 confidential source, including sealed documents;

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¹ This term is meant to be all encompassing, to include other labels such as
25 confidential informant, cooperating source, cooperating defendant, confidential
26 defendant, drop out, etc., as different law enforcement agencies have different
27 nomenclatures on how they refer to individuals who cooperate with law
28 enforcement.

- 1 e. Defense counsel shall not provide original or copies of any discovery
- 2 materials to the Defendants. This is meant to include verbatim, or
- 3 close to verbatim, recitations of discovery produced to defense
- 4 counsel;
- 5 f. Defense counsel shall not otherwise provide original or copies of the
- 6 discovery material to any other person, including subsequently
- 7 appointed or retained defense counsel, but excluding any staff of
- 8 defense counsel or investigator and/or expert engaged by defense
- 9 counsel, who will also be bound by the terms and conditions of the
- 10 Protective Order; and
- 11 g. The United States, defense counsel, and witnesses may reference the
- 12 existence and content of sealed / protective discovery material in open
- 13 and closed Court proceedings relevant to this case, provided however,
- 14 any written reference to the content of the protected discovery shall be
- 15 filed under seal.

16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Clerk is hereby directed to enter
17 this Order and provide copies to counsel.

18 **DATED** this 6th day of May 2024.



22 A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stanley A. Bastian".
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24 Stanley A. Bastian
25 Chief United States District Judge
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